

Released... Freedom Challenge Update

Thank you for your prayers and financial support! You are taking part in each victory that is brought forth through this ministry!

Re-Entry Phase (T.R.A.C.T.I.O.N.)

T—Teachable
R—Relationships
A—Accountability
C—Communication
T—Time Management
I—Inspiration
O—Occupation
N—Needs Assessment



FC graduate, (top middle) recently released into the arms of waiting family members

In Medieval Times, “Traction” was used as a form of torture. It was “stretching” the individual in the physical sense to cause them to change undesired behavior. In today’s terms we think of “Traction” as getting a grip so we can dig in and “move forward.”

At times the students probably feel they are being tortured as they are “stretched.” But in reality, they are learning to get a grip so they can really “move forward.” As more men are released from prison, we are seeing God give favor and open doors. Recently, a parole officer said she really appreciated FC for what it is doing to help these men reintegrate into society. She offered to set up a meeting with the

other parole officers so they can learn more about the program. Though unsolicited, God provided the opportunity....

Now that’s TRACTION!!

Clay Shoot-Fund Raiser

In September we hosted our first Clay Shoot fund raiser. There were 44 shooters and about as many workers. We want to thank everyone who participated as well as sponsors and workers who helped to make it a success. From the Auction to the Shoot to the Great Food, it was a fun filled day. The Kansas LFTL Cook team did a great job cooking the ribs and fixins. (The homemade ice-cream just hit the spot!)



A Note From the President

The only thing that is constant is God and change. Change is necessary if man is going to conform to the image of God. Freedom Challenge is an agent of Change. I want to personally thank you for partnering with Gail and me as well as Freedom Challenge to help bring "Change" to our society.



Don and Gail Starnes

Prayer Focus

- Heb. 13:3 "...pray as if you were suffering"
- Openness to work forgiveness in the men
- Volunteers/Staff (within prison, outside prison)
- Aftercare needs: mentors, jobs, clothing, housing/furnishings
- Budget (personal and program support)

eBay Fundraising Opportunity

A unique opportunity has come to Freedom Challenge. You can contribute to Freedom Challenge by simply pre-sending your "eBay Ready" items to be sold on eBay through iSoldit. The items should be of saleable value and ready to deliver upon sale. Visit www.i-solditkansas.com or call 316-265-3229 for more information. Don't forget to tell them your items are for Freedom Challenge.

They do the work.
FC gets the profit.
You get giving credit.



The Easy Way to Sell on eBay

Spiritual Emphasis Week

"I may be imprisoned but I am not in bondage." This is the mantra of many of the men in the Freedom Challenge program, both past and present. During the recent SEW, the inmates not only had the opportunity to hear Rev. Charles Hackett speak but also, Rev. Alton Garrison. As the Freedom Challenge Worship Band played and led worship, men across the auditorium lifted their hands in praise to the one who has set them free. Bro. Hackett and Bro. Garrison as well as several other ministers challenged and encouraged the men to "stay the course" regardless of their circumstances. Several men responded with first time decisions for Christ, while others stood to affirm their commitment to the Lord.

Completion Ceremonies

At our last completion ceremony, FC marked a mile stone in the pages of its history. There are more men who have completed the program than the number currently enrolled. Some of these men have been released and are integrating back into society while others remain incarcerated and are working to live what they have learned within prison walls. Word is traveling via prison staff as well as through inmates and the program has more applying for enrollment than we can accommodate at one time. We also have more men in the Extended Training Program than ever before. These are men who have completed the program and are assisting in various ways as well as furthering their own studies.



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